

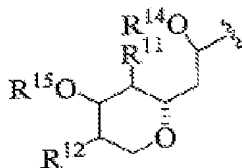
### REMARKS

Claims 1-83 are pending in the present application and are subject to a restriction requirement at follows:

- Group I: claims 77-83, directed to compounds of formula VIII wherein Y1 is O;
- Group II: claims 77-83, directed to compounds of formula VIII, wherein Y1 is S;
- Group III: claims 1-28, directed to processes of making compounds of formula I;
- Group IV: claims 29-42, directed to processes of making compounds of formula III;
- Group V: claims 43-50, directed to processes of making compounds of formula i;
- Group VI: claims 51-58 directed to processes of making compounds of formula ii;
- Group VII: claims 59-63, directed to processes of making compounds of formula iv;
- Group VIII: claims 64-68, directed to processes of making compounds of formula viii;
- Group IX: claims 69-76, directed to processes of making compounds of formula i.

The Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 1-28, for prosecution at this time.

The Office has further requested that the Applicants address certain issues relating to alleged typographical and technical issues. First, the Office has asked whether a structure set forth in claim 1 is correct. The Applicants confirm that the structure:



set forth in claim 1, is correct. *See also*, Specification at page 5, first structure.

The Office states that “the carbamate formation in the presence of ‘hydrolyzing agent Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>’ would require excessive imagination.” The Applicants disagree and refer the Office to, for example, Scheme 6, page 35, wherein said transformation is accomplished in 92% yield.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested.

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